



# "Big Dreams Small Business" NEWS

## DOD Endorses SmallBizMall.gov

The Department of Defense, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business, issued an endorsement letter of GSA, FTS' new small business e-commerce site, [www.smallbizmall.gov](http://www.smallbizmall.gov) on June 22, 2000.

Francis Jones, Special Assistant to the Director of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, noted, "We are particularly proud to endorse FTS's exciting e-commerce initiative on behalf of small and disadvantaged businesses." "This office believes that this mall is an excellent concept and will widen the net of procurement opportunities for many firms," said Jones.

The small business e-commerce website began its pilot program in April with nine, 8(a) industry partners. The pilot concluded in June and is open to all 164, 8(a) industry partners who hold Multiple Award Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (MAIDIQ) contracts with FTS' Small Business, Solutions Development Center.

The small business mall gives federal agencies an opportunity to shop for information technology products and services specifically from 8(a) Small and Disadvantaged Businesses and to receive credit for their 8(a) purchases.

To read the letter in its entirety, please visit our web site at [www.fast.sdc.gsa.gov](http://www.fast.sdc.gsa.gov) under the heading About SDC, "New".

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